

Among the new material at man's disposal for destroying life that seems inimical to his interests is the compound known as "1080" (sodium fluoroacetate). Used as a poison to control rodents and other animals, it has given excellent to phenomenal results. Perfected by the Wildlife Research Laboratories of the Fish and Wildlife Service, 1080 is fortunately under the control of the Service, which recently issued a statement that it will not distribute 1080 "in any form to the general public."

G.I.'s and conservation.—A large number of former servicemen are entering professional conservation training under the provisions of the G.I. Bill of Rights and the Army Rehabilitation program. A sharp increase in the number of students interested in conservation has been reported by several institutions that offer training in the fields of soil, water, forest, and wildlife conservation. Records at Ohio State University indicate that 19 per cent of the students who inquired about enrolling during the fall of 1945 expressed a desire to major in some phase of conservation. A large number of these students are interested in professional careers in wildlife administration, management, or research.—C.A.D.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Charles A. Dambach, *Chairman*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR 1945

Once again, despite the interruptions of war, the Wilson Ornithological Club has enjoyed a prosperous year. As of December 1, 1945, we had a membership of 1,200, an increase of 116 during the year. The membership roll shows 172 persons joining the Club during 1945, and a loss of only 56 members.

Following is the distribution by classes of our membership. The corresponding figures for 1944 are shown in parentheses for comparison: Founders, 3 (3); Life Members, 34 (24); Sustaining Members, 67 (58); Active Members, 412 (385); Associate Members, 684 (614); total, 1,200 (1,084).

The annual election of officers was conducted by mail ballot, with the following results:

President: George Miksch Sutton

First Vice-President: Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr.

Second Vice-President: Harrison F. Lewis

Secretary: Maurice Brooks

Treasurer: Burt L. Monroe

Councillors: Milton B. Trautman, Rudolf Bennitt, George H. Lowery, Jr.

At its annual business meeting, October 13, Columbus, Ohio, the Council re-elected Josselyn Van Tyne editor of *The Wilson Bulletin*.

Plans for an annual meeting in 1946 (the first since 1941) are going forward, and details will be announced in a later issue of the *Bulletin*.

The Secretary, speaking for the Club, wishes to thank the many Members whose efforts have contributed toward keeping the Club active during the difficult war years.

December 1, 1945

Respectfully submitted,
MAURICE BROOKS, *Secretary*

The Report of the Treasurer for 1945 will be published in the June issue of the *Bulletin*.—Editor.